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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN LEADERS DENOUNCE ISRAELI BOMBING

1. THE ISRAELI AIR ATTACK THIS WEEK ON A NUCLEAR REACTOR IN IRAQ HAS BEEN DENOUNCED BY CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY AS "INEXCUSABLE," "INCOMPREHENSIBLE" AND "RUTHLESS." MEETING THE PRESS AFTER THE REGULAR WEEKLY CABINET SESSION, KREISKY MAINTAINED THAT THE BOMBING HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHOUT REGARD FOR PEACE AND IN PURSUIT OF A "JUNGLE LAW" WHICH THE WESTERN WORLD COULD NOT TOLERATE.

2. AMBASSADOR LUDWIG STEINER, FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN OF THE OPPOSITION PEOPLE'S PARTY, SAID THE ISRAELI ACTION HAD TO BE "MOST SHARPLY CONDEMNED." HE WARNED THAT SUCH ATTACKS IN SUCH A DANGEROUS AREA COULD MAKE A LARGE-SCALE ARMED CONFLICT INEVITABLE. ALSO, THE ISRAELI ACTION FAR EXCEEDED THE LIMITS OF A NATIONAL ACTION OF SELF-DEFENSE.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER WILLIBALD PAHR, FINALLY, CALLED IT AN ACT OF AGGRESSION WHICH COULD NOT BE EXCUSED AS A PREVENTIVE BLOW. PAHR PREDICTED THAT THE ISRALI ACTION WOULD HAVE CONSEQUENCES BEYOND THE MIDDLE EAST AND POSSIBLY EVEN THREATENING PEACE IN EUROPE. POLANSKY

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